REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed April 2, 2009, claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-24 remain pending.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for the in-person interview on May 21, 2009 regarding the above-identified application. In the interview, claim 1 and 23 were discussed as well as suggested amendments. Applicants indicated filling of a Supplemental Amendment to incorporate the suggested amendments, such supplemental amendments are filed herewith.

Patentability of Claims

For at the reasons previously submitted, it is submitted that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-24 are patentably distinct from <u>Nieh et al.</u> and <u>Homer et al.</u>, individually or in combination.

Summary

It is submitted that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-24 are patentably distinct from Nieh et al., and Homer et al., individually or in combination.

Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited

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If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below

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If it is determined that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 504298 (Order No. 101-P271).

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